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## Letter dated 26 April 2018 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter dated 29 March 2018 from Ambassador Karel J. G. van Oosterom, I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have agreed to send a mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar from 28 April to 2 May 2018. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission, which are annexed hereto (see annex).

I will be leading the mission with Ambassador Mansour Alotaibi (Kuwait) and Ambassador Karen Pierce (United Kingdom).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission will be as follows:

Ambassador Sacha Sergio Llorentty Soliz (Bolivia (Plurinational State of))
Ambassador Wu Haitao (China)
Ambassador Anatolio Ndong Mba (Equatorial Guinea)
Ambassador Tekeda Alemu (Ethiopia)
Ms. Anne Gueguen (France)
Ambassador Kairat Umarov (Kazakhstan)
Ambassador Mansour Alotaibi (Kuwait)
Ambassador Lise Gregoire Van Haaren (Netherlands)
Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra (Peru)
Ambassador Joanna Wronecka (Poland)
Mr. Dmitry Polyanskiy (Russian Federation)
Ambassador Olof Skoog (Sweden)
Ambassador Karen Pierce (United Kingdom)
Ambassador Kelley Eckels-Currie (United States)

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gustavo **Meza-Cuadra**
President of the Security Council

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## Annex to the letter dated 26 April 2018 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

## Security Council Mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar

### Terms of reference

1. The Security Council will carry out its mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar from 28 April to 2 May 2018. The mission will include visits to Dhaka, refugee camps near Cox's Bazar, Nay Pyi Taw and areas in northern Rakhine State that were affected by the violence that occurred after 25 August 2017. The mission will be co-led by the United Kingdom, Peru and Kuwait.

2. The objectives of the mission are as follows:

(a) To urge full implementation of the Security Council presidential statement of 6 November 2017 (S/PRST/2017/22);

(b) To assess the efforts of the Government of Bangladesh, the United Nations and other agencies to provide protection and assistance to refugees in Bangladesh;

(c) To assess the efforts of the Government of Myanmar to implement the Security Council presidential statement of 6 November 2017 and the recommendations put forward by the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, as well as the situation in Rakhine State;

(d) To understand the views and concerns of all parties, including but not limited to members of the Rohingya refugee community in Bangladesh and the Rohingya, Rakhine and other communities in Rakhine State, regarding:

(i) The violence that occurred in Rakhine after 25 August 2017;

(ii) The provision of protection and assistance to refugees in Bangladesh;

(iii) The creation of conditions allowing for the safe, voluntary, sustainable and dignified repatriation of refugees, including Rohingya and other minorities, to their places of origin in Rakhine;

(iv) Efforts to address the root causes of the crisis in Rakhine State, including through implementation of the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, which is chaired by Kofi Annan.

3. The mission will seek to achieve these objectives through meetings with:

(a) Representatives of the Governments of Bangladesh and Myanmar and members of their parliaments;

(b) Representatives of the United Nations in Bangladesh and Myanmar, including representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(c) Members of the Rohingya refugee community, including women and children. Where appropriate, the Security Council will seek to meet survivors of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, that has occurred in Rakhine since 25 August 2017;

(d) Members of the Bangladeshi host communities in Bangladesh, including women and children;

(e) Representatives of the Rakhine State government;

(f) Members of the Rohingya, Rakhine and other communities in Rakhine State, including women and children;

(g) Representatives of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and regional governments in Nay Pyi Taw;

(h) Representatives of civil society in Bangladesh and Myanmar.

4. The Security Council will be accompanied by representatives of the press and media.

5. The mission will seek to implement lessons learned from previous Security Council missions.